

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. In an information handling system in which a client application displays a first hypertext document to a user for entry of user data, said client application having a function for locally saving displayed documents, a method of providing local data persistence for said client application, said method being performed by said client application and comprising the steps of:
 - receiving user data from said user;
 - receiving a save command from said user to save said user data; and
 - in response to receiving said save command, dynamically creating a new hypertext document containing said user data and displaying a message prompting the user to save the new document using said function for locally saving displayed documents.
2. The method of claim 1 in which said client application receives said first hypertext document from a server application.
3. The method of claim 1 in which said hypertext documents are HTML documents.
4. The method of claim 1 in which said message is created as a part of said new hypertext document.
5. The method of claim 1, comprising the further step of:
 - receiving a restore command from said user to restore previously saved user data; and
 - in response to receiving said restore command, repopulating said first document with said previously saved user data.

6. In an information handling system in which a client application displays a first hypertext document to a user for entry of user data, said client application having a function for locally saving displayed documents, apparatus for providing local data persistence for said client application, said apparatus being associated with said client application and comprising:

5 means for receiving user data from said user;

means for receiving a save command from said user to save said user data; and

means responsive to receiving said save command for dynamically creating a new hypertext document containing said user data and displaying a message prompting the user to save the new document using said function for locally saving displayed documents.

10 7. The apparatus of claim 6 in which said message is created as a part of said new hypertext document.

8. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

15 means for receiving a restore command from said user to restore previously saved user data; and

means responsive to receiving said restore command for repopulating said first document with said previously saved user data.

20 9. A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for providing local data persistence for a client application in an information handling system in which a client application displays a first hypertext document to a user for entry of user data, said client application having a function for locally saving displayed documents, said method steps comprising:

25 receiving user data from said user;

receiving a save command from said user to save said user data; and

30 in response to receiving said save command, dynamically creating a new hypertext document containing said user data and displaying a message prompting the user to save the new document using said function for locally saving displayed documents.

10. The program storage device of claim 9 in which said message is created as a part of said new hypertext document.

- 5 11. The program storage device of claim 9, comprising the further step of:
receiving a restore command from said user to restore previously saved user data; and
in response to receiving said restore command, repopulating said first document with said previously saved user data.

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